



KATHLEEN CONNELL
Controller of the State of California

March 9, 2001

**TO ALL SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND
RECIPIENT ENTITIES**

We have received many questions concerning how Assembly Bill (AB) 1913, Chapter 353, Statutes of 2000, affects the current funding and reporting requirements of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF). This letter serves to inform each of the 58 Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committees (SLEOC) and all recipient entities of the new requirements established by AB 1913.

All statutory provisions, both prior to and following the enactment of AB 1913, relating to the SLESF program are encompassed in Chapter 6.7, Division 3, Title 3, of the Government Code. Whenever the words, this chapter, are used in Government Code sections 30061 through 30065, it refers to Chapter 6.7.

Government Code section 30061, subdivision (e) provides that funds received pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of this chapter no later than June 30 of the following fiscal year. Therefore, all unspent SLESF balances as of June 30, 2000 and all SLESF funding received during fiscal year 2000-01 must be spent by June 30, 2002. Thereafter, SLESF funding received in fiscal year 2001-02 must be spent by June 30, 2003. A recipient entity that has not met this requirement must remit unspent SLESF moneys to the Controller for deposit in the General Fund.

Amendment to Government Code section 30063, subdivision (d), changed the due date of the SLESF annual reports filed by each SLEOC from October 15 to August 15. Government Code section 30063, subdivision (f), states that a county, a city, or a city and county that fails to file its annual report with the State Controller's Office or fails to expend the SLESF funding in accordance with SLESF program requirements shall forfeit its allocation for the subsequent fiscal year.

Government Code section 30063, subdivision (g) states that notwithstanding subdivision (f), if the SLEOC fails to transmit the SLESF annual report to the State Controller's Office, the local law enforcement agency may submit its expenditure data directly to the Controller no later than August 30. A local law enforcement agency shall be eligible for an allocation the subsequent fiscal year if it has complied with all the requirements of this chapter. However, the Controller shall reduce the SLESF allocation to the sheriff, the district attorney, the cities represented in the SLEOC, and all local law enforcement agencies that fail to provide their expenditure data by August 30.

MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 942850, Sacramento, CA 94250,
SACRAMENTO 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 445-2636
LOS ANGELES 600 Corporate Pointe, Suite 1150, Culver City, CA 90230 (310) 342-5678

March 9, 2001

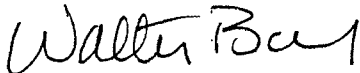
Although funding for the newly created juvenile justice program is deposited in each county's SLESF, expenditures for the juvenile justice program should be reported directly to the Board of Corrections as specified in AB 1913. The Board of Corrections will report all juvenile justice program data to the Legislature.

Government Code section 30064, subdivision (b), paragraph (2), requires that the SLEOC determine whether the recipient entities have expended SLESF moneys in compliance with SLESF program requirements. It also requires that the SLEOC, at least annually, review the expenditures of the SLESF funds by city police departments, the county sheriff, and the district attorney. Therefore, each SLEOC is responsible for notifying the Controller when a recipient entity fails to expend its SLESF funding in accordance with program requirements. To assist in this process, the SLESF standardized reporting forms will be modified to add a certification form to list noncompliant recipient entities.

It is the intent of the State Controller's Office to inform each county's SLEOC and all recipient entities of the changes to the SLESF program requirements. Therefore, we request that each SLEOC provide a copy of this informational letter to each SLESF funding recipient in its county as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call Craig Goodman of the Division of Accounting and Reporting at (916) 445-1958.

Sincerely,



WALTER BARNES

Chief Deputy State Controller, Finance

WB:WGA:rcg

cc: Department of Finance
Board of Corrections
Legislative Analyst's Office
California State Association of Counties
California State Sheriff's Association